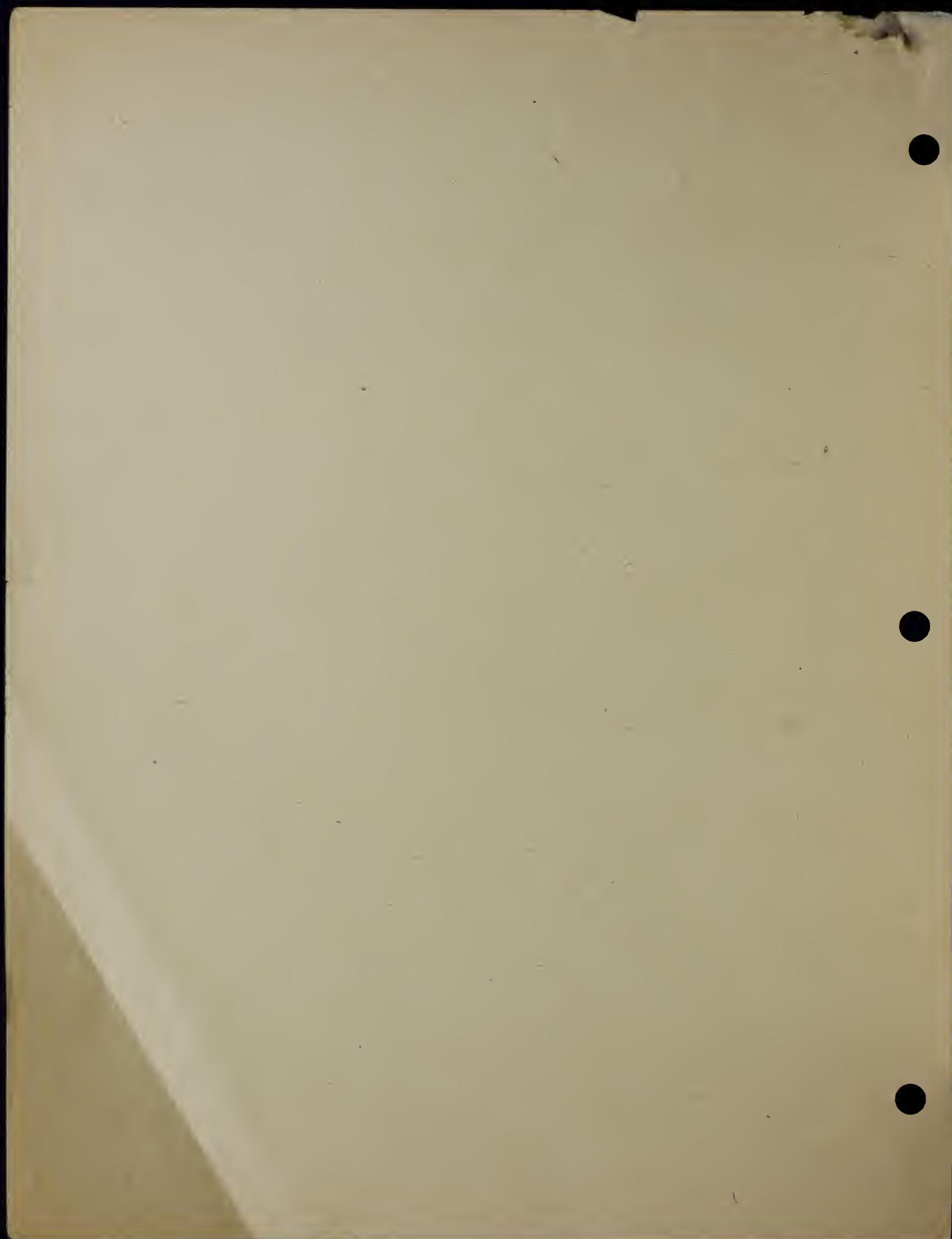


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Palatine Emigration Best-

Third Party - Embarked (Holland) June 5 to June 10, 1709

Best, Michel & wife, 6 children

Fourth Party - Embarked (Holland) July 27, sailed July 28, 1709

Best, Joost Hendrick & wife & 5 children

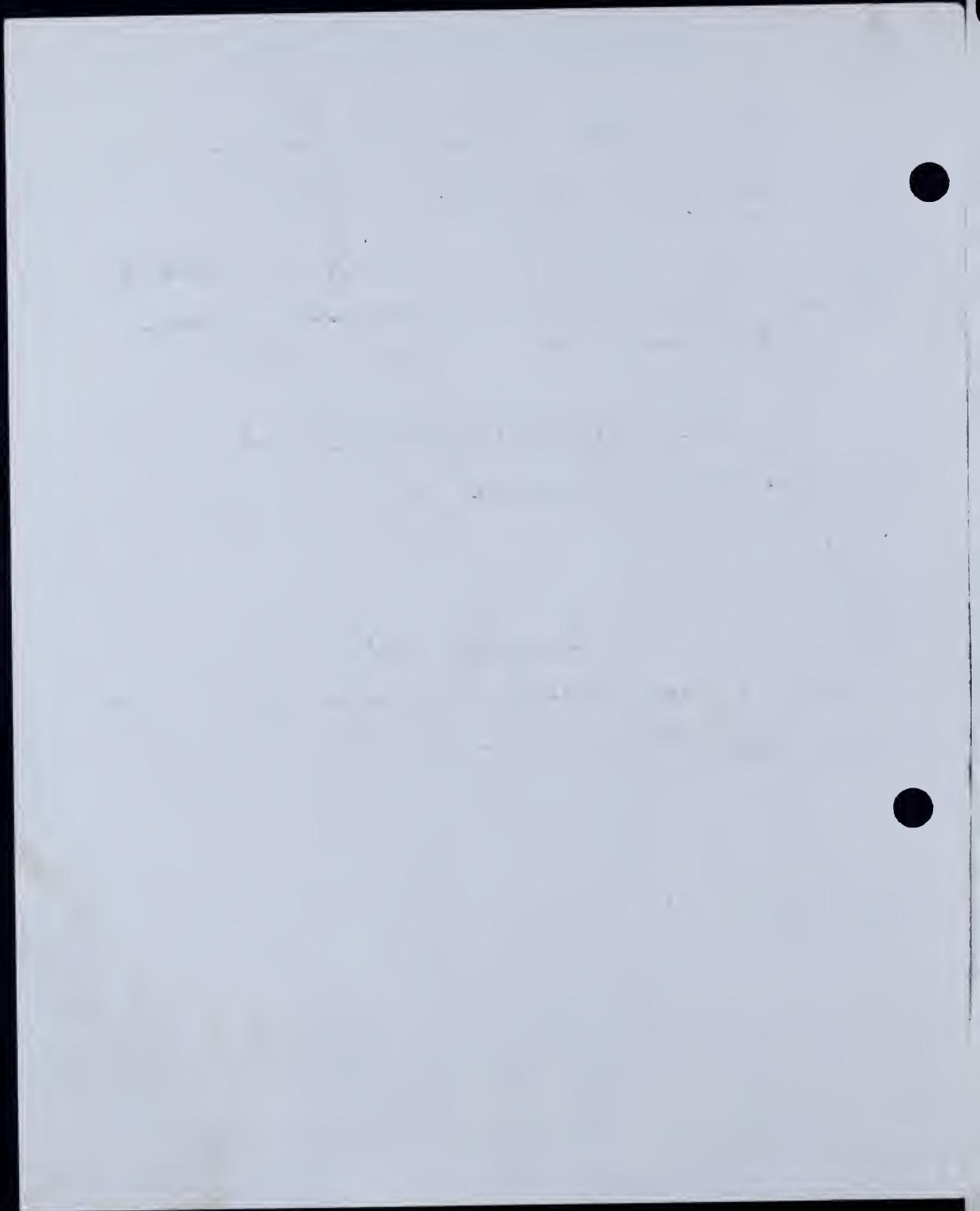
Best, Johan Sieg & wife & 1 child

New York Subsistence Best.

	1710	1712
Best, Johan Henrich	2-2	2-3
Best, Jacob	2-0	2-0
Best, George	1-1	2-0

Simmeringen Best-

Best, Jacob (Heesberg - East Camp, wife Anna
Catharina & 1 ch



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Early settlers were many of them married by Colonel Hendrick Ruiter who kept a rude register.

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RUITER-BARNETT.

Philip Ruyter, who married Geertruy Vanderwerken, was evidently a brother of Frederick, Jun., whose father, Frederick, Sen., had two sons, Frederick and Philip.

So far as we know none of the family of this Philip came to Canada; but two sons of Frederick Jun., namely, Johannes and Hendrick came.

The following is an extract from Munsell's "Collections of the History of Albany, N. Y., p. 159, 1871.

"Ruyter (Ruiter) Frederic, married Engeltie Vanderwerken Feb. 16, 1738.
Children bap. Margriet, May 27, 1739.
Elizabeth, Oct. 5, 1740.
Henrick, Sept. 26, 1742. (Col. Henry Ruiter, of Potton)
Johannes, Feb. 26, 1742 (1744?) (Capt. Ruiter, of St. Armand,
brother of Colonel Ruiter).

~~Frederick Ruyter, jun., was buried May 19, 1746.~~

Catharina, Jan. 10, 1746.
Frederick Ruyter, jun., was buried May 19, 1746.

Philip Ruyter married Geertruy Vanderwerken Mar. 20, 1741.
Children: Henrick, Feb. 14, 1742.
Johannes, Apr. 24, 1743.
Philip Ruyter was buried June 1, 1746.

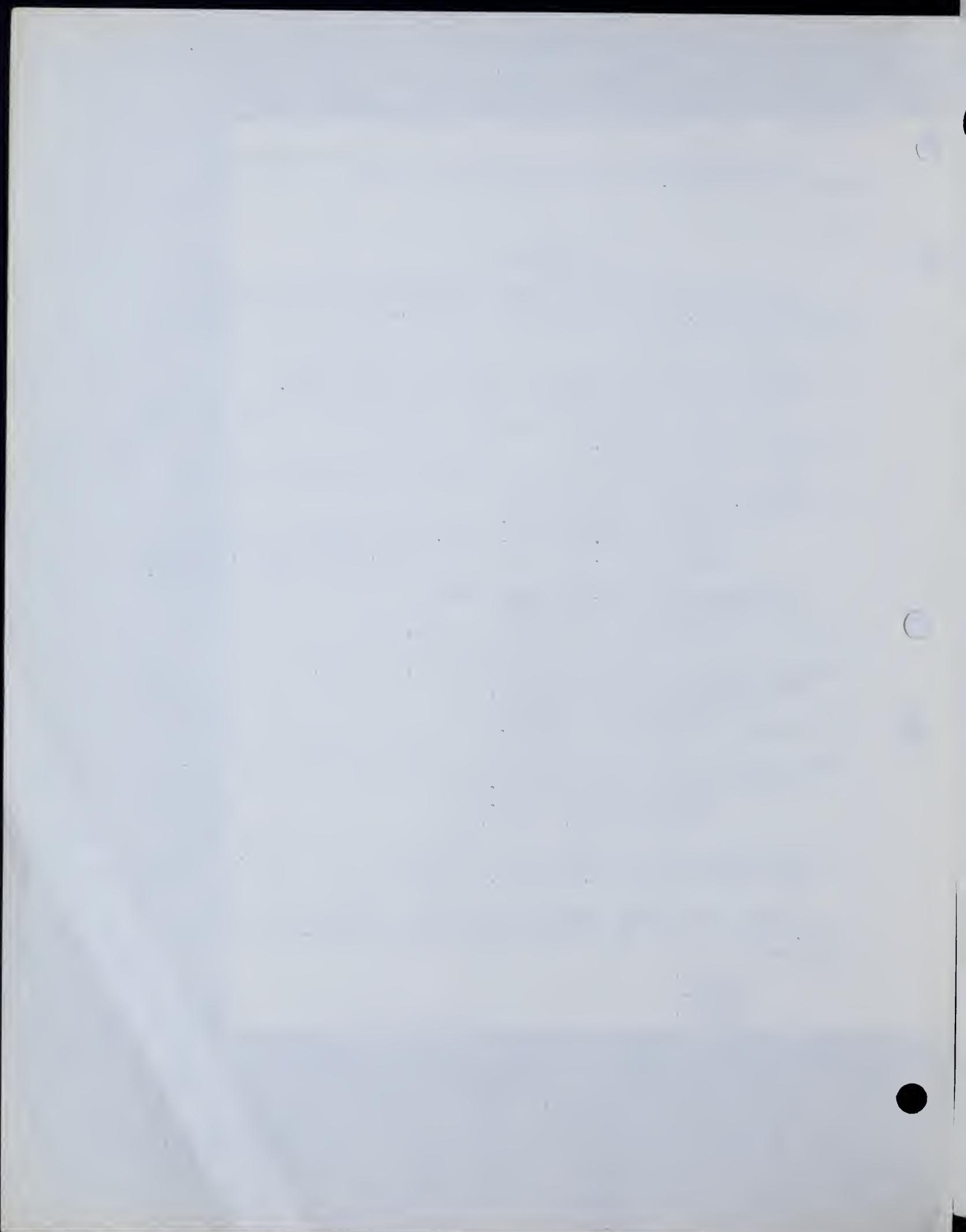
Hendrick Ruyter (Ruiter), of Hoosac, married Rebecca (Dooth Staats) Aug. 16, 1763.
Children: Gertruid, Apr. 12, 1764.
Johannes, June 16, 1768.
Elizabeth, Sept. 8, 1770.

Johannes Ruyter, of Hoosac, married Elizabeth Pest, Nov. 14, 1764.
Children: Annatie, Sept. 23, 1768.

Colonel Henry Ruiter (above) raised two families. His first wife was high Dutch. His second wife was low Dutch.; her name was Friott. Of the second family there were:

Abraham.
Joseph.
Rebecca.
Abigail.
Mary
Artimissia.
Catherine.
Jacob, who died early.

Of Colonel Ruiter's first family only one son came to Canada; his name was Philip, who was a man grown and went to his uncle John Ruiter's at Missisquoi Bay. Of this



first family a daughter also came to Canada. She married one of the early settlers of Potton of the name of Henry Abel. His son Abraham married Betsey Barnett, daughter of Capt. Benjamin Barnett, of Sutton S. E. Corner near Potton. He (Col. H. Ruiter) had a large family. One of his sons was Abraham with whom he lived and died. The night that Abraham was born a cyclone struck the west part of the township of Potton and unroofed the house in which he was born. The child was laid under the table to protect him from the storm. A large strip of forest trees were uprooted by the storm and extended over seven lots of land in the first range, and on some of this extent the hillocks made by the upturned trees may be seen today. This child was the father of Julius Ruiter, Esq. The date of his birth was Jan. 17, 1817.

Catherine Artimissia Ruiter married David Heath in 1805. She was born May 25, 1784, and died June 17, 1884, with her nephew Charles W. Barnett in the house now occupied by his son Edgar C. Barnett, at the age of one hundred years. She was a root and herb doctor, and in the early days afforded the only medical assistance to the settlers in the vicinity. She had no children. Her husband, David Heath, died in 1839. She never re-married.

David Heath received a commission from Sir George Prevost on October 27, 1812, as Ensign. His father was an American General. David Heath was Ensign in the second battalion of the militia of the townships.

Rebecca Ruiter, daughter of Colonel Henry Ruiter, married Jedediah Woods, and in 1845 was living in Belvidere, Illinois.

Abigail was a cripple and never married, but was supported by her sister, Catherine Heath, with whom she died, being about middle age.

Colonel H. Ruiter's children each had a lot of land granted to them in the township of Barford. Colonel Ruiter and his second wife were buried at Dunkin in the cemetery given him for that purpose. They rest in nameless graves. He received the lots of land in the first four ranges in the township of Potton, excepting Clergy Reserves. Colonel Ruiter lost a part of one of his hands in the War. He drew a pension of a crown a day beside his land grants. He erected the first grist mill and first saw mill in the township of Potton. They were upon Ruiter Brook at what is now called Dunkin.

Abraham Ruiter, sen., son of Colonel Ruiter, was born 1785, and died 1864. Joseph G. Ruiter, grandson of Abraham Ruiter, sen., resides on the border of Potton in Sutton. There is now no remnant of the extensive land grants to Col. Ruiter which has continuously remained with the family and the name. Joseph, was a son of Jacob, who was a son of Abraham, sen.

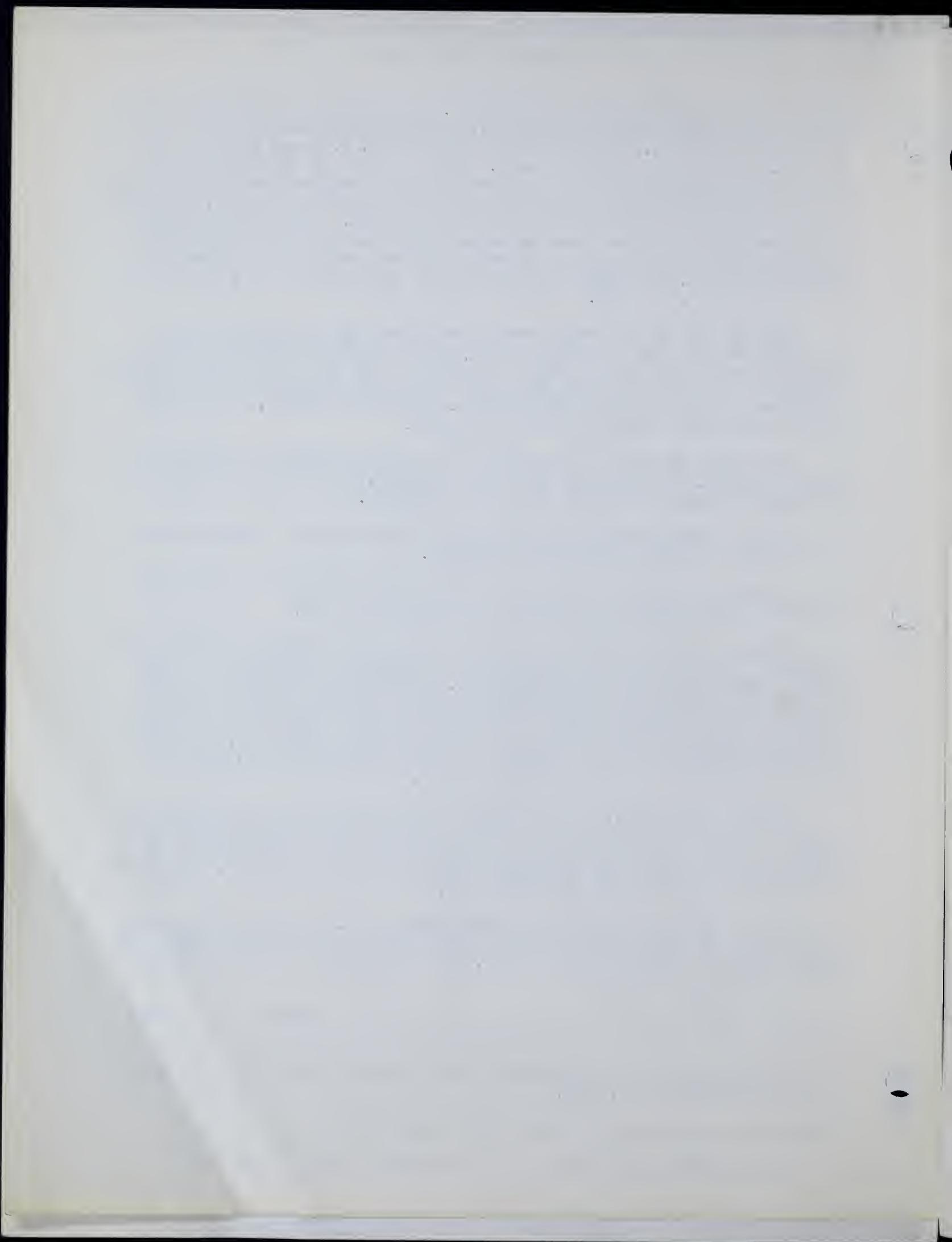
Captain Benjamin Barnett was a Revolutionist or U. S. Rebel, but his wife, who was also his cousin, was a niece of Major Rogers, of the Loyalist Army, and he was himself a nephew of Major Rogers. This relationship may have accounted for his settling in Canada.

His oldest son, John Barnett, married Mary Ruiter, daughter of Col. Henry Ruiter.

Nelson Ruiter was an illegitimate child of Abraham Ruiter, sen. His mother afterwards married to Mr. Arms.

(For further connection with Barnetts, see Rogers file)

The camp table used in the days of the American Revolution by Colonel Henry



Ruiter, and used by his daughter, Catherine Ruiter Heath, as a dining table in her old age until a month before her death, at which time she was over one hundred years of age, has been presented to the Brome County Historical Museum.

"It appears from the record that Frederic Ruiter, the father of Colonel Henry and Captain John, was Frederic, jun., and that he died in 1746, when his youngest son was five months old.

"Colonel Ruiter was married twice. By his first wife he had seven children :

1. Gertrude, born Apr. 12, 1764.
2. Johannes, born June 16, 1768.
3. Elizabeth, born Sept. 8, 1770.
4. Philip.
5. Jacob.
6. Henry.
7. Daughter.

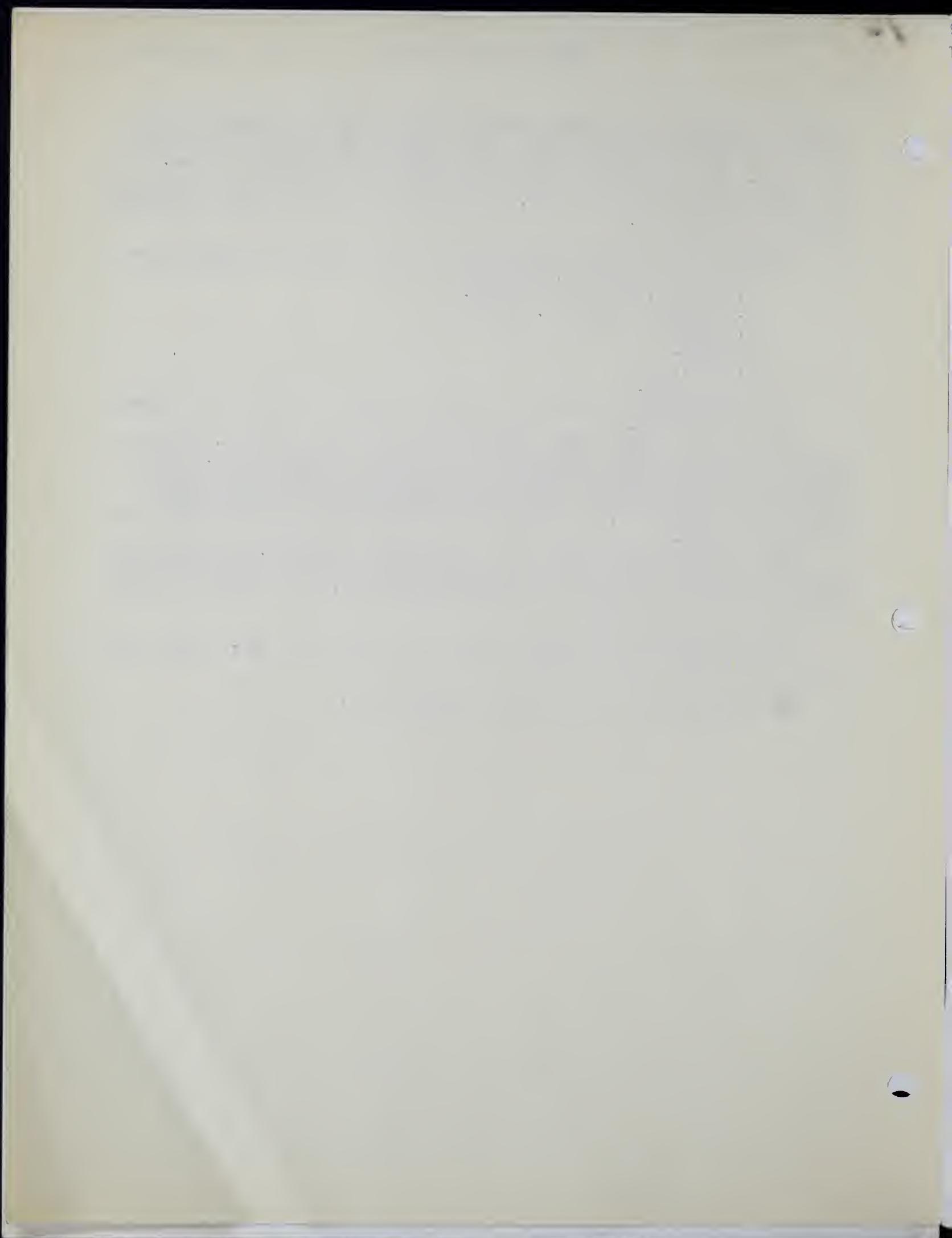
"Colonel Ruiter's second wife was Catherine Friott, who was born in Albany, N.Y. in 1760.

"Before his marriage Colonel Ruyter lived with General Schuyler. This was in early life, as his father died when he was about four years of age. General Schuyler was riding along one day and saw him in the employ of someone who was not treating him properly, the boy chose him as his guardian and the General undertook to care for him. He remained with General Schuyler until his marriage with Rebecca Dooth.

"When Colonel Ruyter's first wife was living he went to Mr. Friott's, weary and hungry, and Mrs. Friott said, 'if you will rock my baby I will get you something to eat, and you may have her for your second wife.' Years after he claimed the promise and married her.

"Colonel Ruyter (Ruiter) died in August, 1819, in Potton, Que., Canada, and his second wife in December, 1819."

The Friotts kept a public house in Bennington, Vt.



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Best

Provisioned Gratis 1 July 1779

Ensign Harmon Best on Secret Service.

Provisioned Gratis 25 Oct. 24 Nov 1780

Conrad Best 10

Pensioner Pointe au Fer.

Remarks on Loyalists

Conrad Best, Leake's - a farmer and loyal subject.
Hermann Best, not attached, ditto.

Officers' Names, Characters & Pretensions.

Conrad Best applied 13 Aug 1777 by Gen Burgoyne - Lieut.
Served the Campaigns, active, good
woodsmen

Hermann Best do do do

Exclusive of Upper Posts

Conrad Best 1 0 0 0 0 No. 4. Farmer, owner of good estate
Loyal Ranger Pensioner.

Ens. Harmon Best 1 0 0 0 0 " Farmer.

Military ("C") Series.

Vol. 634A

List of American Officers who were reduced in 1783-1784 & paid by the
Commissioners from 1 Jan 1828 & showing the periods of their deaths as
far as can be obtained, with those who now remain on the list.

Hermann Best Ensign in Ferris' 1/10

New York in the Revolution.

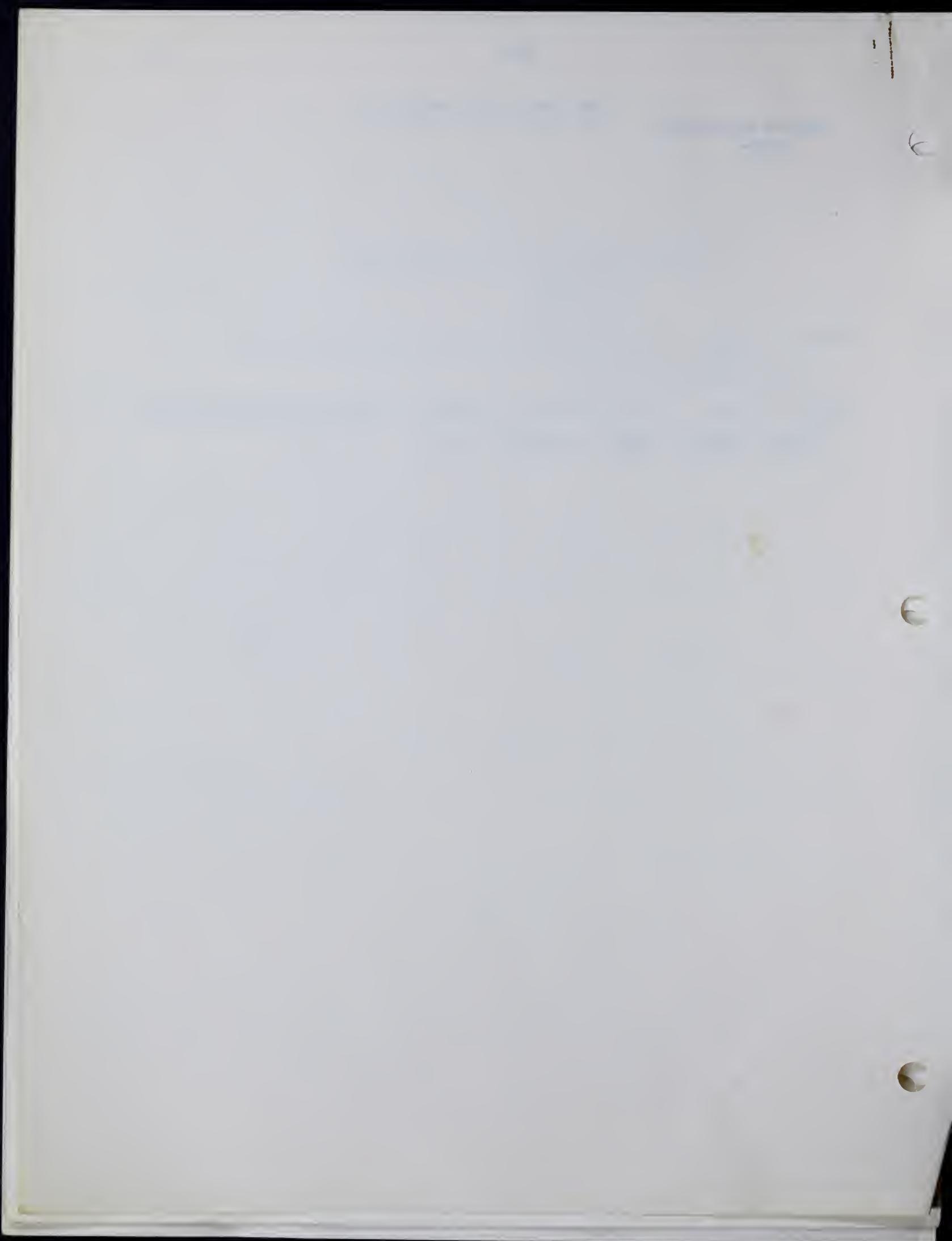
Estates Confiscated.

Best.

Early Palatine Emigration
Kittell

Third Party - Embarked June 5 to June 15, 1709
Brs. Johan + vrouw.

Sixth Party - Embarked July 27. Sailed July 28, 1709
Best. Johan King + vrouw + 1 ch.



Heads of Families

Columbia County

Clement Town

Best. Henry	1	2	3	
Herman	2	0	3	
George	1	4	5	4
Peter	1	3	2	

Hillsdale Town

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Best. Jacob

Livingston Town

Best. Will	1	1	3	2
John J	1	3	2	
John	1	6	2	1
Jacob J	2	4	3	

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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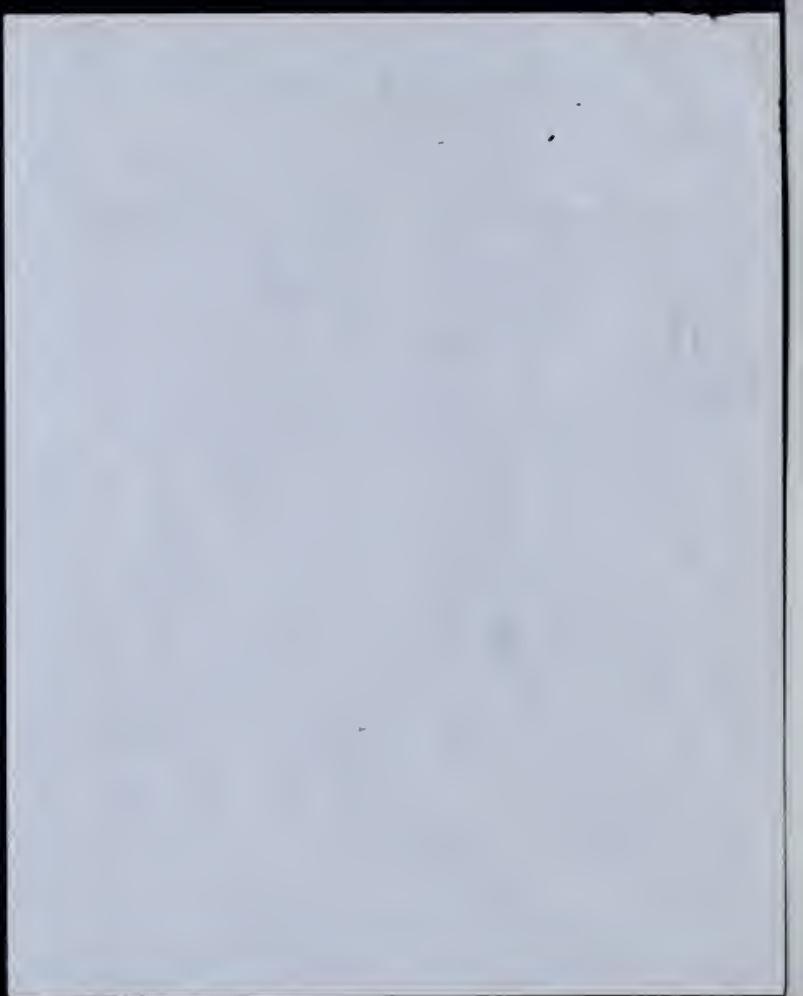
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For Claverack Baptisms

R Best

780 Feb 4 Eva d. Jacob Best Hendrick Blattner
Janette Fostenburg Eva Best



BEST

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In "Documentary History of the State of New York," vol. III, p. 58, among the list of immigrants to New Netherland, who embarked in the Beaver, May, 1661, were Peter Marcelis van Beest, and wife and four children, and two servants; Aert Peeter-son Buys van Beest, and six children; widow, Geertje Cornelis van Beest, and daughter; Goosen Jauren van Noort van Beest; Hendrick Dries van Beest; Neeltje Jans van Beest; ~~HAEFI~~ Geertruy Teunissen van Beest. Embarked in the Rosetree, March, 1663, Jan Petersen Buys van Beest. Embarked in the Spotted Cow, April, 1663, Marytje Theunis van Beest. Everts and Ensign, in their "History of Columbia County," page 23, give also the above names and say that they are "of those who are believed to have been among the earliest settlers upon lands in this county." Upon arriving at New Netherland the names of those immigrants do not appear again in any of the annals or records of the Province, until nearly half a century later. We may, therefore, assume that the ships' registers intended, in these instances, to designate the name of the small hamlet, Beest, in Holland, from which these persons migrated, and from which they probably derived their name. Having found for them the name, let us examine now the church records, for marriages and baptisms, many of which were, in early days, imperfectly kept, some of which were lost, and others destroyed. In these early records we discover the names of four Bests only, which may be connected together from the fact that many of their children were baptised in the same churches, intermarried, and had ~~witnes~~, as witness to their baptisms of their offspring. Their names were (John) Jacob Bast(Best), (George) Jurian Best, Beeltje van Beest(Best), and William Best. We know that one of them, and one only, so far as the records show, settled in the neighborhood of Annesburg, now Germantown, in 1710, near, or in the German Palatinate, founded by Queen Anne, for the settlement of the Palatines, by the purchase of 6000 acres of land in Livingston Manor, from Robert Livingston. "Documentary History of the State of New York," vol. III, p. 572 says that Jacob Bast(Best) was a Palatine volunteer for the expedition against Canada, 1711, from Annesburg. Some time before 1750, his descendants settled on the "Flats," in Livingston Manor, to be near the "Low Dutchers," as the Hollanders were called. The "Flats" were described, in 1730, as being "in the North Ward of Dutchess County, and situated on the south-westerly side of a large plain, near the gristmill of Henry Beekman, the patentee," where they built their churches, and founded the community of Kippsbergen.

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1. Beeltje van Best married Jacob Decker.

III.

3. George Juriaan(Jury) Best; m. Antjen Donsbag, of Minnisink, Ulster County, and was father of six children, as follows:

4. Anna Christyn, bp. July 27, 1712.
5. Pieter, bp. Oct. 31, 1714.
6. Eva, bp. July 1, 1716.
7. Niclaes, bp. Feb. 1, 1719.
8. Jacob, bp. Feb. 5, 1721.
9. Margriet, bp. March 10, 1723.

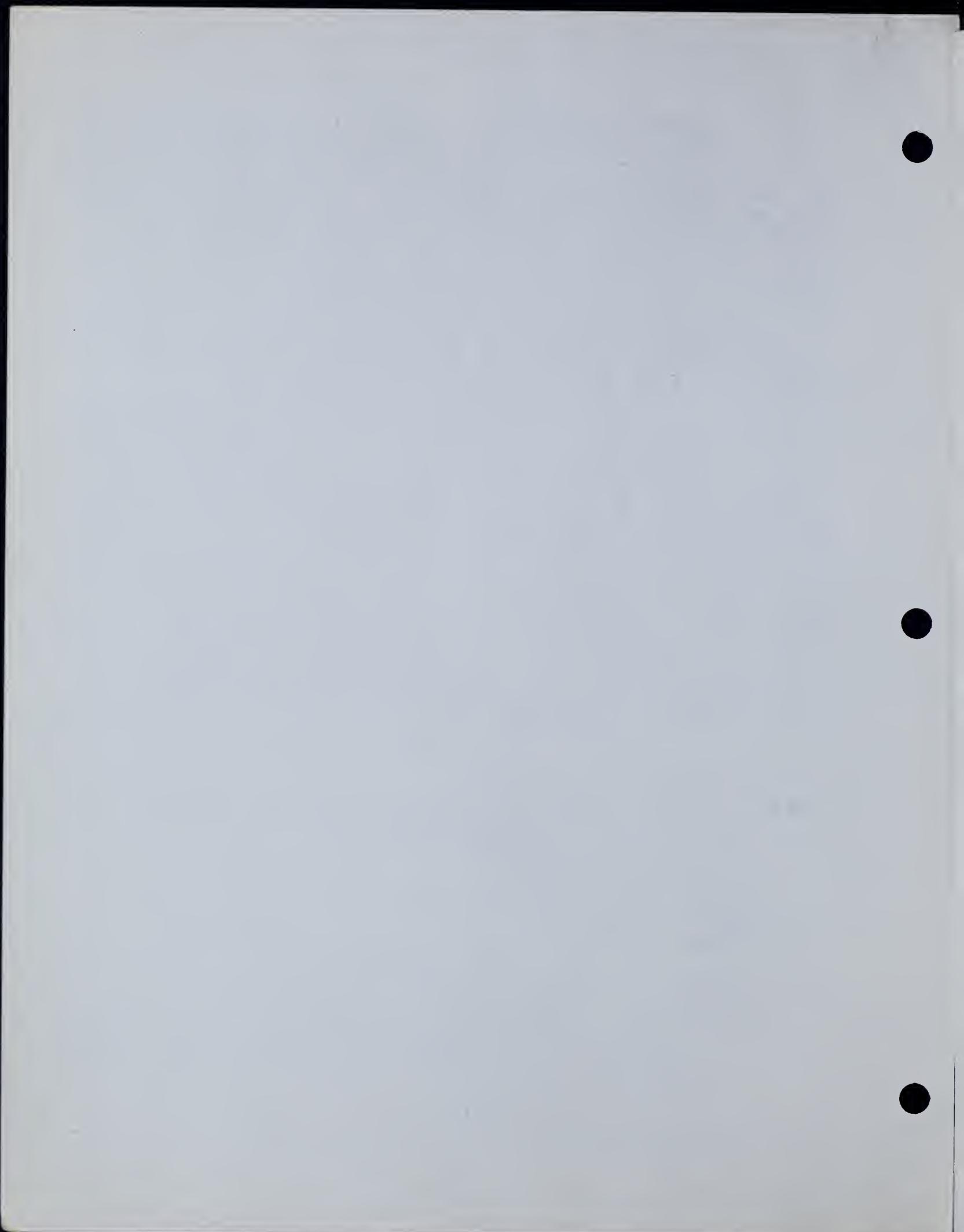
IX.

11. William Best m. Jan. 20, 1723, at the Dutch church, in New York City, Mary Maggarits.

12. James, b. ----, who was a member of Capt. Richarts' Company, in New York city Militia, in 1738. "Documentary History of the State of New York," vol. IV, p. 216. He had other children, probably(not traced), from whom many of the Bests, in New York City, may find their line of descent.

XIII.

13. Jacob Best, m. Anna Christina Deitrichin(Dederick), of Kingston. The six children are as follows:



14. Anna Maria, b. March 9, 1720.
15. Elixabeth, b. April 2, 1722.
16. Johannes, b. about 1730; m. 1749-50 Eva Lounart; d. 1780.
17. Harmanus, b. -----; m. about 1750, Marytje Rurigh.
18. Jacob, b.-----; m. about 1760 Annatje Tact.
19. Edward, b. -----; m. Aug. 20, 1755, Catherine Rey. No issue.
20. Coenradt.

(The writer of this genealogy descends from Johannes, 16).

First Settlers of Albany County.

Pest (Pess, Best?), Jacob and Annatje Jaart (Shaat).

ch. born, Annatje, July 21, 1764.

Margarita, Feb. 9, 1767.

Pest, Jacob and Jannetie Vredenburgh.

ch. Nelly, b. May 16, 1777.

Pest, Jacob of Hosac, m. Catharina Mellingtown (Mellendon, Mellery), Jan. 27, 1766.

ch. Jacob, b. Nov. 9, 1768.

Thomas, b. Oct. 12, 1770.

United Empire Loyalist Claims.

Evidence on the Claim of Hermanus Best for the Widow and Children of his Late Brother Jacob Best, Late of Hosick, Albany County, New York Province.

Hermanus Best, Sworn:

Montreal, 16 Jan., 1788.

Jacob Best died at Carleton Island in 1783. He was then a soldier in Sir John Johnson's Regt. His wife and children were then in the States. He was a native of America. In 1775 he lived at Hosick, and was always steadily Loyal. He joined Gen. Burgoyne, and after the Convention came to Canada and enlisted in Sir John Johnson's Regt. He served until his death in 1783. He left a widow, Catherine, at Hoseck, 5 children, Jacob, 18 years, in Canada, he came here in 1787, and 4 in the States.

His brother had stock on some leased land. He cannot speak to the particulars.

Wits. Jacob Best Sworn:

19 years of age, says he is the oldest son of the late Jacob Best. He came to Canada in February, 1787, before that he had lived in Hoseck with his Grd. Father. His mother is still there. He has one Br. and 3 Sisters in Hoseck. Says that when his Father came to Canada in 1777 the rebels took his stock, viz., 4 Horses, some Cattle, Sheep, but he cannot remember all that was taken.

He now resides with his Uncle at Missisque Bay.

Produces affidavit, sworn before Israel Thompson by Jos. Brown that he knows the charge made by the Wd. and Children of Jacob Best is true.

Jacob Best is well satisfied that his Uncle Harmanus Best should receive what might be due him.

Harmanus Best lives on Indian Lands in Messisque Bay. He thinks it is within the British Lines.

Commission's Note: This claim can only be received for the children as infants.

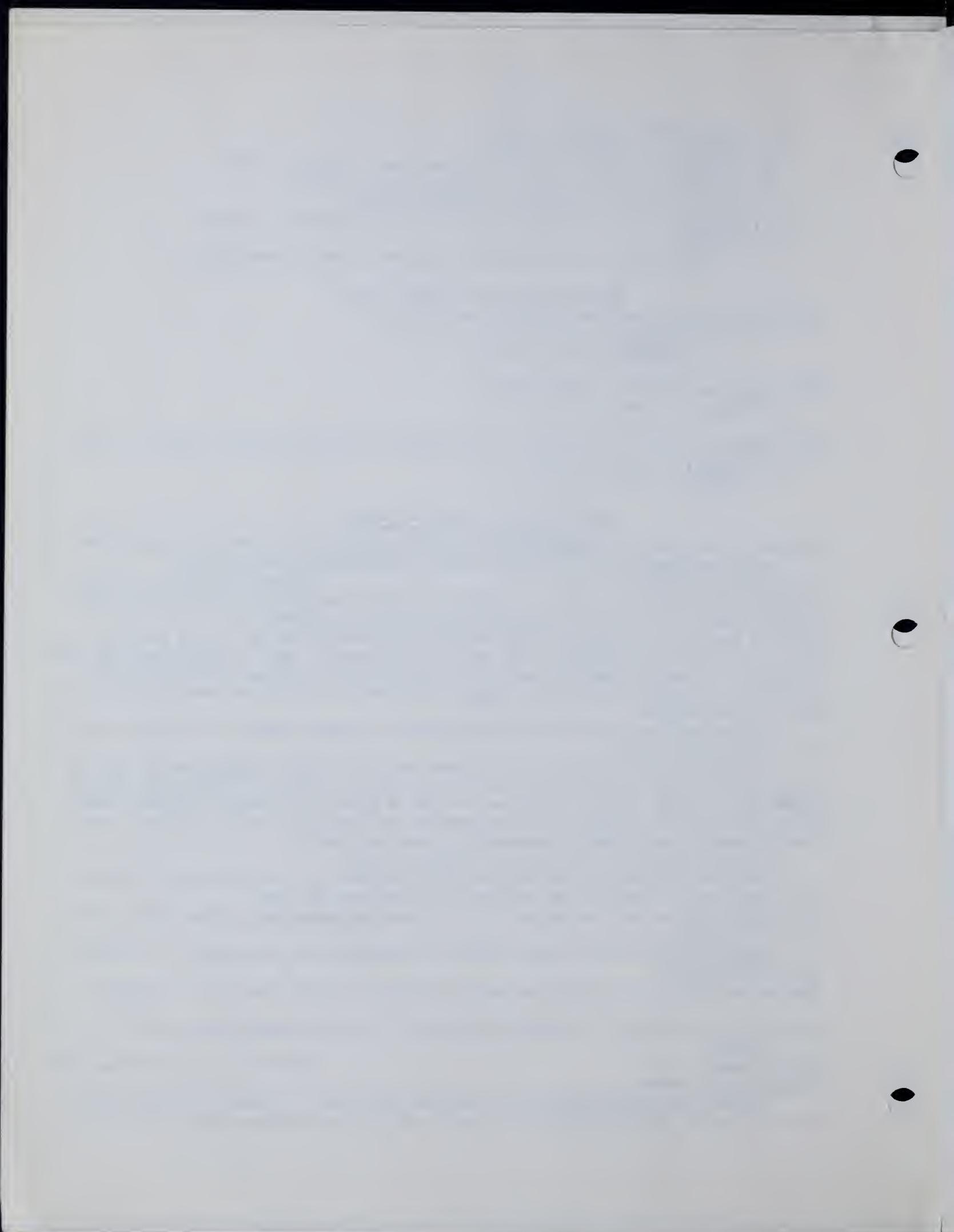
Evidence on the Claim of the Orphan Children of the late Conrad Best, Late of Hoosick.

A New Claim.

Montreal, 15th January, 1788

Harmanus Best Sworn:

His late Br. Conrad Best was on duty as an officer in Jessup's Corps in 1783 at La Chine and sent a claim by Mr. Cuyler. He died at Messisque Bay in 1775 (1785?)



leaving 2 children, Catharine, who was with Wits., Hannah, who lives with her Gr. Father.

His Br. Conrad joined Genr. Burgoyne in 1777 and came to Canada. He was an officer in Jessup's Corps.

He knows that his stock, furniture, etc., was all taken from him.
Catharine Best, Dr. of the Late Conrad Best, 13 years old:

Says she will be satisfied that her Uncle Harmanus Best should receive her compensation.

She came from Hoseck last Summer. Her Sister Hannah is still there.

She has heard her Gd. Father say that her father's stock was taken by the rebels.

Wits. Adam Dent(Vent?) Sworn:

Says he knew Conrad Best in 1777, he was a Loyal Subject. He lived on his Father's Property and had Stock and a furnished ~~House~~ House.

It was taken from him by the rebels.

He remembers 2 good Sleigh Horses and Cattle which he had.

Harmanus Conrad Best, Witness for claim of Capt. Henry Ruiter, late of New York. Knew Claimt. at Pits Town. Produces Albany Gazette with advertizmt. for the sale of the Equity of Redemption of Claimt.'s Estate in Pits Town.

~~EXCECUTE~~

Harmanus Best, Wits. for Adam Deal, late of Pownal, Vermont.

Minutes of the Albany Commissioners of Correspondence.

Q.L.

Dec. 10, 1776.

Ensign Jacob Best appeared before this Board and represented to them that he lived in that part of the District of Claverack and complained about moving and coming under the jurisdiction of another Battalion.

Dec. 24, 1776.

Ensign Jacob Best made complaint against his Regiment, and that he was being unjustly fined.

Jan. 7, 1777.

Ensign Jacob Best's complaint is justified and the Regimental fines are remitted.

Jan. 22, 1777.

Ensign Jacob Best resigned his commission.

Feb. 18, 1777.

A report having been received from the Claverack District respecting Ensign Jacob Best--it is resolved that Ensign Jacob Best be and he is hereby cited to appear before this Board at their next General Meeting.

Minutes of the New York State Commissioners of Conspiracies.

Albany County Board, 1776-1781.

Jacob Best of Little Hoosick.

Apr. 20, 1781.

Benjamin and Stephen Randell appeared and informed that Jacob Best of Hosick has harboured and secreted in his House John Ruyter, formerly an inhabitant of Hosick, who at the time he was so secreted by Jacob Best, was a Captain in the British Service, which charge they say can be plainly and satisfactorily proved by Peter Crandall and Hugh Bailey.

Apr. 21, 1781.

A warrant is hereby issued for the arrest of Jacob Best of Hosick.

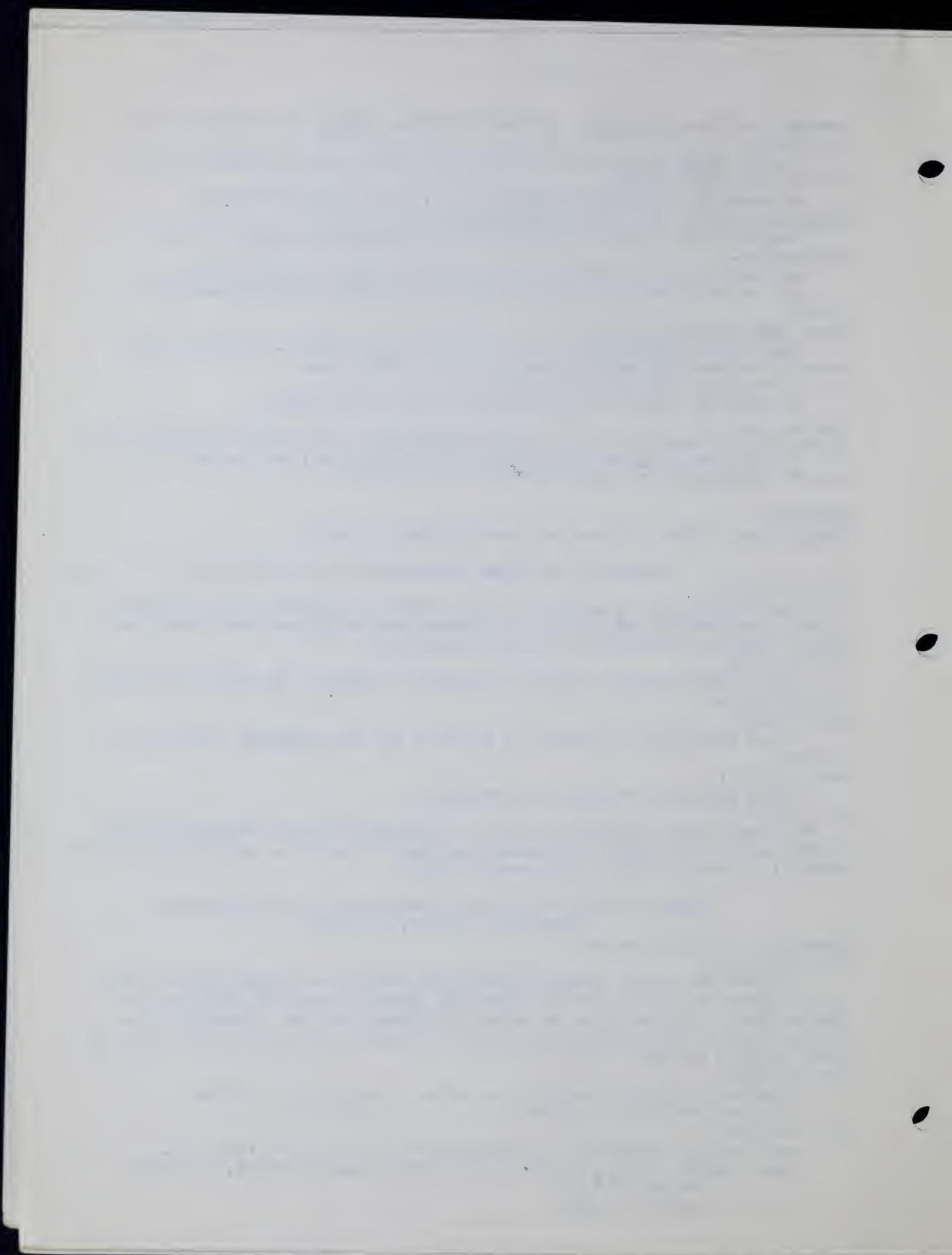
Witnesses are cited to appear.

Apr. 26, 1781.

Jacob Best is released on his recognizances for the sum of £100 bail.

Isaac Vosburg of West District of the Manor of Rensselarewyck, brickmaker
his bail in £100

Best is listed as a farmer.



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